

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
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Bell 206L

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3. The pilot misjudged his altitude and clearance from the wire.

Reccomendations:

The cameraman was wearing a sturdy "Parachute Australia" harness anchored to an approved, custom-built, airframe bracket. All restraints held but difficulty was experienced releasing the harness catches after the accident. The harness undoubtedly saved the cameraman from worse injury. The pilot believes that this harness and attachment system surpassed the average standard of similar equipment commonly used. It is recommended that the CAA gives consideration to formalizing a standard for crewman harnesses and their attachments to airframes.